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Emmanuel DREGE et al.

Application No.: 10/791,046

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For: SELECTING A PROFILE MODEL FOR USE
IN OPTICAL METROLOGY USING A
MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEM

Examiner: G. Davis

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20061015), for which a response is due on January 18, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Additionally, this response is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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